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SUBJECT: JORDAN LEAHY VETTING RESPONSE FOR ATA TECHNICAL
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¶1. (SBU) In response to referenced Leahy vetting request, the Department has reviewed its files and finds it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights at this time by the Jordanian officials listed below. Please note that if at any time the Embassy becomes aware of information regarding incidents which could be deemed to be credible information of a gross violation of human rights by these individuals, the Embassy should so inform the Department.

¶2. (SBU) The following Jordanian officials listed in reftel are scheduled to attend a US-sponsored ATA technical visit for the Jordan Call Center Project, to begin February 2, 2009 in Dunn Loring, VA. The names of the candidates follow in "rank, name, city of birth (in Jordan), year of birth" format:

- 1) BRG GEN, MOHAMMAD ABDALLAH EID AL RAQQAD, AL-ABDELIAH, 1/1/1954
- 2) COL, ZIED AHMAD MUSTAFA AL-ZOBI, ZARQA, 12/26/1964
- 3) LTCOL, GHASSAN SHAWKAT QASEM, AMMAN, 10/23/1970
- 4) LTCOL, MUSA KHALAF FALAH SWILMIEN, AMMAN, 6/1/1962

¶3. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified in paragraph 2 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.

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